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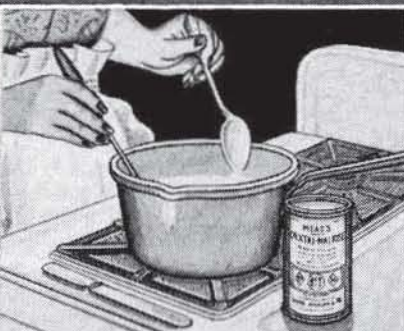

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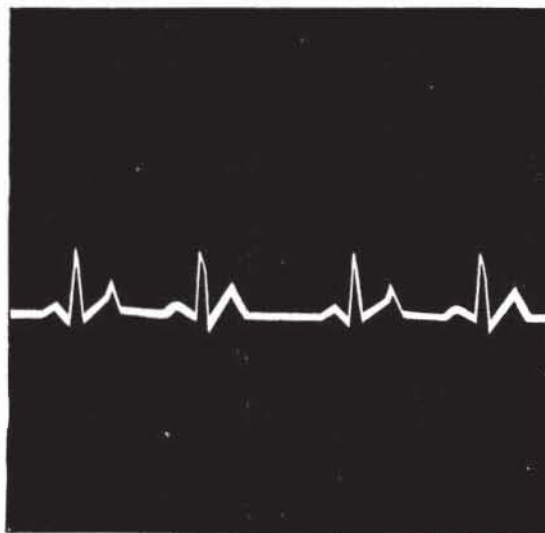
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McGILL NAMED STATE PRESIDENT

Tulsa County Constituted As New Councilor District By The House of Delegates of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. M. J. Searle Named Councilor.

Dr. Ralph A. McGill, prominent Tulsa surgeon, was unanimously elected President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association by the House of Delegates at the organization's 56th Annual Meeting



Dr. M. J. Searle, former President of the Tulsa County Medical Society and now a member of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Walter S. Larrabee, also a former President of Society, was elected vice-councilor.

Other major events in the House of Delegates included:

(1) Annual membership dues of the Oklahoma State Medical Association were again fixed at \$42.00, including an appropriation to continue the work of the Association's own Public Policy Committee.

(2) A resolution seeking greater appropriations for the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, enabling a class of 100 medical doctors to be graduated each year.

(3) The creation of a Grievances Committee, comprising the five living im-

mediate past-presidents, to hear complaints against the Profession, with the recommendation that each County Medical Society create a similar Committee to handle complaints of a local character.

(The Tulsa County Medical Society created such a Committee last November with the Committee subsequently given the status of a standing Committee under the terms of the new Constitution & By-Laws).

(4) A resolution outlining a recruitment program for the armed forces concerning Oklahoma doctors educated at government expense. The plan, to be submitted to armed forces authorities, seeks a selective service system of recruitment with provision for the exemption of doctors practicing in undermanned areas.

(5) Commendation of the newly created Preceptorship program of the University of Oklahoma whereby seniors will spend a minimum of eleven weeks with accredited preceptors in all parts of Oklahoma.

(6) Redistribution of the councilor districts of the Oklahoma State Medical Association to allow for fourteen districts, instead of the original ten as first constituted fifty-six years ago. Under the plan, Tulsa County will be a district of



Dr. W. S. Larrabee

itself, thus assuring the Tulsa County Medical Society of always being represented on the Council by one of its own members. The district formerly included five other counties.

In addition to Dr. McGill, other officers named by the Association were Dr. H. Violet Sturgeon, Hennessey, re-elected Vice-President; Dr. Lewis J. Moorman, Oklahoma City, re-elected Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. John F. Burton, Oklahoma City, elected as Delegate to the American Medical Association; and Dr. Malcolm Phelps, El Reno, elected Alternate Delegate to the AMA. Tulsa's Dr. James Stevenson, the Association's other AMA Delegate, continues in office.

The meetings of the House of Delegates were comparatively short with delegates in an agreeable frame of mind to virtually all proposals of the Council. The major surprise was a shake-up in the personnel of the Council. All councilors were reselected due to the redistricting of the Association. New members of the Council are:

District One, Dr. F. S. Etter, Bartlesville; District Two, Dr. L. A. Mitchell, Stillwater; District Three, Dr. Bruce Hinson, Enid; District Four, Dr. D. B. Ensor, Alva; District Five, Dr. O. C. Standifer, Elk City; District Six, Dr. R. Q. Goodwin, Oklahoma City; District Seven, Dr. Ned Burleson, Prague; District Eight, Dr. Maurice J. Searle, Tulsa; District Nine, Dr. Shade Neely, Muskogee; District Ten, Dr. Earl Woodson, Poteau; District Eleven, Dr. W. K. Haynie, Durant; District Twelve, Dr. J. Hobson Veazey, Ardmore; District Thirteen, Dr.

REREGISTRATION FEE DUE

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are reminded that they must remit \$3.00 in payment of the Annual Reregistration of License fee to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners, 813 Braniff Building, Oklahoma City, not later than June 10, 1949. Payment of the fee is required under terms of statutory law, and failure to reregister constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by fine and/or revocation of license.

James Patterson, Duncan; and District Fourteen, Dr. L. G. Livingston, Cordell.

"I am most appreciative of the high honor which the House of Delegates has conferred upon me," Dr. McGill said following his election, "and at the same time I am aware of the responsibilities which the position entails. It is my desire to follow the dictates of the Association membership at all times, and I am hopeful that in the interim until my term of service that I may have the opportunity of ascertaining the wishes of as many individual members as possible. I should also like to tender my cooperation to the President, Dr. Garrison, and express the great confidence which all Oklahoma doctors have in his splendid abilities."

The House of Delegates meeting was the opening feature of the Association's 56th Annual Meeting, which concluded Wednesday, May 18, with a total enrollment estimated at well in excess of 800 doctors and visitors. The Meeting was the largest ever held in Tulsa. A program of scientific and social events occupied three days of the meeting.

"I would like to thank the Tulsa Medical Society, its officers and members for their splendid work in staging this meeting of the Association," Dr. C. E. Northcutt, retiring Association President, said. "It has been an excellent meeting, marked by a fine program and the gracious hospitality of the Tulsa profession."

The meeting was under the direction of Dr. W. A. Showman, General Chairman, with the following sub-committees: Program, Dr. H. A. Ruprecht; Entertainment, Dr. Robert E. Funk; Golfing, Dr. E. Malcolm Stokes; Skeet Shoot, Dr. Paul Grosshart; Commercial Exhibits, Dr. Marshall O. Hart; and Hotels and Registration, Dr. John C. Dague.

The 1950 meeting has been set for Oklahoma City with exact dates to be announced later.

DR. A. RAY WILEY leaves this month for a European vacation where he hopes to gain some first-hand information about socialized medicine in Great Britain.

DR. JAMES L. MINER is ill at Veterans Hospital, Denver, Colorado.



RALPH A. MCGILL, M. D.

President-Elect

Oklahoma State Medical Association

The unanimous election of Dr. Ralph A. McGill, Tulsa surgeon, as President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, returns a coveted honor to a member of the Tulsa County Medical Society. This formal recognition of his many years of leadership in local and state medical circles imposes an additional obligation and responsibility that will be met with progressive qualities which mark Dr. McGill's leadership and abilities. To him, the Tulsa County Medical Society offers its most sincere congratulations, well aware that the honor is an equal honor to the medical profession of Tulsa County.

A native of Arkansas, Dr. McGill was educated at the University of Oklahoma, from which he received his medical degree in 1922. He located in Tulsa shortly thereafter and entered the practice of surgery and general medicine. Dr. McGill served several terms as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tulsa County Medical Society, as well as other offices, and in 1944 was chosen President of the Society. A vigorous administration included activities which led to the formation of the Blue Shield Plan of obstetrical and surgical care prepaid insurance. Later, he was to become a Trustee of the Society, a position he now holds, and to be Vice-President and Councilor of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. Dr. McGill was a founder of the St. John's Tumor Clinic of Tulsa, of which he is now Medical Director, and has long been a leader in the affairs of the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society. A member of the Staff of Hillcrest Hospital, he is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and widely known for his studies in cancer control.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

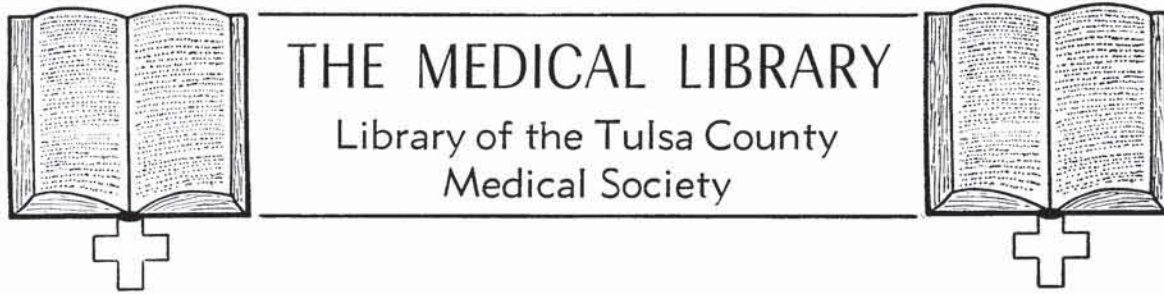
Many Oklahoma doctors have written or spoken to me commending the 56th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma State Medical Association in Tulsa last month, and to these tributes may I add my own congratulations and thanks to Dr. W. A. Showman and his convention committees for a most successful meeting. It demonstrates the value of careful planning and initiative on the part of those doctors who worked so hard to make it a success. To Dr. Ralph A. McGill of Tulsa, who has been honored by his selection as President-Elect of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, may I express also our sincere best wishes and tender every cooperation of the Tulsa Profession in his work as President.

The work of our Public Policy Committee, which administrates the national and state education programs on the local level, has made an impressive beginning in the campaign against state medicine. There is a wide interest in this subject, and in general the public is most open-minded about the matter. To carry the message to these people seeking information, the Committee is in need of more yoemen workers willing to do various duties. You can help your profession and yourself, and more—help to maintain our way of life—by the contribution of your services. This job must be done by those doctors who believe in the principles of free enterprise and the continued freedom of the medical profession. Won't you help by volunteering your services now or when called upon by the Committee?

Sincerely,



President

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GIFTS OF THE MONTH—:**Tulsa Society of Medical Technologists, and friends of the late Dr. Ivo A. Nelson:**

Topley & Wilson's Principles of Bacteriology and Immunity. Third Revised Edition by Dr. G. S. Wilson, Professor of Bacteriology, University of London, and Dr. A. A. Miles, Professor of Bacteriology, University of London. Two volumes, pp. 2,054, illustrated. Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, Maryland. 1946.

After Professor Topley's death, his part of the revision was taken over by Professor Miles. Two new chapters have been added on chemotherapy and microbiology of the air. There are chapters on bacterium which give special attention to the Shigella and Salmonella. The bibliography has also been expanded, making it very valuable as a reference book.

T. Roy Barnes. Vaponefrin Aerosol Library, Volume 1, 1949. A complete compilation of principle articles on Aerosol therapy through 1948, excerpted in the author's own words.

Getman Drug Store, Inc. Subscription to the Journal of the American Pharmaceutical Association, 1949.

Dr. Thomas J. Hardman. Subscription to Science, 1949.

Dr. George H. Miller. Subscription to the Proceedings of the Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, 1949.

Veterans Administration. Minutes of the Sixth Streptomycin Conference held on October 21-24, 1948, in St. Paul, Minnesota. Prepared by the Tuberculosis Section of the United States Veterans Administration, Branch No. 8.

NEW BOOKS—:

Hamilton Bailey, M.D., F.R.C.S. (England). *Emergency Surgery*. Sixth Edition, pp. 388, illustrated. Williams & Wilkins Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1948.

The American Medical Association has advised subscribers of the combining of Occupational Medicine and the Journal of Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, to be published under the title of Archives of Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Medicine.

Because of the Chicago printers strike, the A.M.A. has found it difficult to publish on time the regular monthly issues of Occupational Medicine. They have just completed the first volume of 1948, January to June, and it seems unlikely they will be able to complete the issues for the balance of the year.

The new journal will be published by the American Medical Association and the annual subscription price will be \$8.00.

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POLITICAL COMPULSION

One of the most telling accusations of the proponents of state medicine is the obviously true charge that too many rural areas and small towns are without any or a sufficient number of doctors to properly care for the health of the population. At the same time it is pointed out that certain metropolitan areas have a surplus of doctors, and often a surplus of specialists. The present trend, unfortunately, is toward a greater number of medical graduates going to the big cities and the larger towns to establish a practice—more often a specialty practice.

It is certain that the institution of a system of state medicine limited to federal compulsory health insurance benefits will not in itself make much change in this situation. Those who advocate state medicine are unwilling to discuss this possibility to much extent, and the public is being blandly deluded that from the moment of institution state medicine will provide these undermanned areas with an adequate number of doctors.

Young doctors graduating from medical school choose the larger cities and towns for obvious reasons. The presence of excellent hospital and laboratory facilities, in whose use they have been schooled, is reason enough in itself. To this must be added the social, cultural,

and educational advantages which the larger communities offer. Our medical schools, whether consciously doing so or not, are turning out men who are specialty-minded. This is due to the influence of a staff of specialists who make up the faculty of the school, and in some measure to the fact that general practice is admittedly hard and requiring such a wide range of medical knowledge.

It is no doubt true that in time the economic factor will send some of the doctors in the medically overpopulated areas to the smaller and needy communities. An overcrowding of specialties may lead to the same result. The work of such groups of as the newly organized Academy of General Practice will do much to encourage general practice and give it a specialty prestige in itself. Movements are on foot to require a certain amount of general practice for admission to specialty boards. The medical schools, recognizing the need of general practitioners, have begun such programs of preceptorship training as that now in operation at the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine. This should do much to induce more doctors to practice in the smaller towns and rural areas. The hospital building programs, including those with the use of Federal and State assistance, will be added incentives. These things—which are the solutions devised under a free system of medicine—when taken together should go a long way towards alleviation of the situation. Certainly, the increase of the size of medical school classes—made possible by larger legislative appropriations—will be of material assistance.

In spite of these efforts, a 100 per cent coverage of needy areas is not going to be possible. For one thing, some areas are so sparsely settled as to render impossible economically the location of doctors close enough to all as to provide emergency and general medical care. Most of Nevada, Colorado, and New Mexico are typical examples. Secondly, medical schools cannot be hugely expanded within a short period of time except at either a staggering cost or a loss of the high standards which they now maintain.

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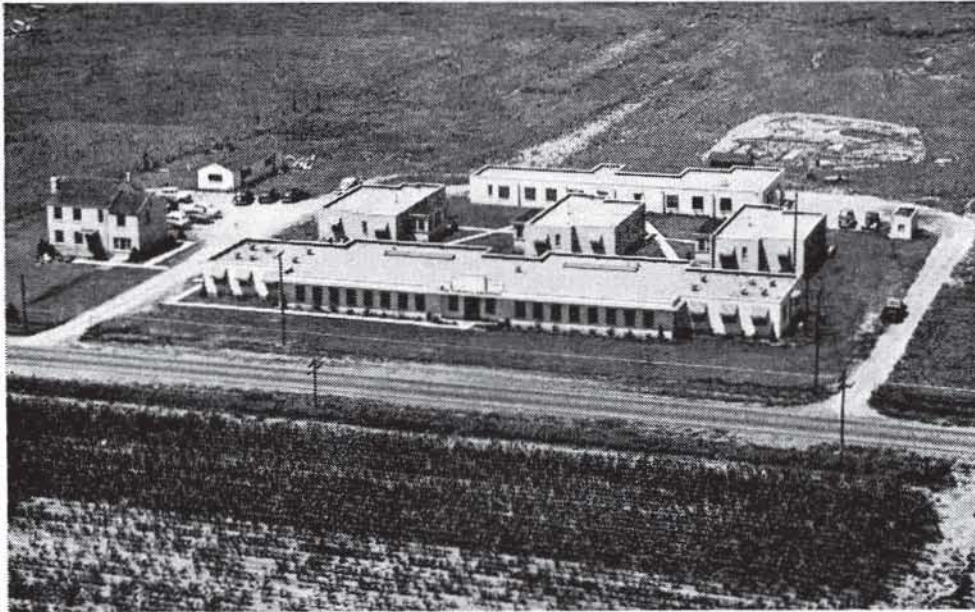


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(Editor's Note: Because so many new members have been admitted to the Tulsa County Medical Society in the past three years, the following article has been included in this issue to familiarize doctors with the services offered by the Medical Credit Bureau.)

The Tulsa County Medical Society owns and operates its own collection and credit service, the Medical Credit Bureau, a non-profit agency designed to provide efficient collection of delinquent medical accounts to members on a cost basis. The Bureau is similar to other such services operated by county medical societies over the nation.

Formed in 1939, the Medical Credit Bureau has offices at 1202 Medical Arts Building where a trained personnel promptly processes delinquent accounts as they are received from the doctor. The Bureau maintains the services of an attorney to meet legal requirements as necessary, as well as out of town contacts in all cities and towns of the United States and Canada.

Collection fees are contingent upon collection of the account, and no fee is charged unless collection is made. Unlike many professional collection agencies, the Bureau charges no supervisory fees or extra or hidden charges for special collection service.

The present fees in effect are as follows:

All accounts of more than \$3.00 in amount, less than three years in age, and in Tulsa — one-third.

All accounts requiring legal or attorney's services — one-half.

All accounts under \$3.00 in amount — one-half.

All outlawed accounts (more than three years of age) — one-half.

All out-of-town accounts — one-half.

Remittances are made monthly by statement with accompanying check. Payments made directly to the doctor are charged against the account, and such

payments should be reported upon the day of receipt.

In the course of ten years the Bureau has built up a long list of clients through its efficiency of operation and attention to delinquent accounts. This list has been steadily growing and three new clients were added last month. The Bureau has also accumulated medical credit files on thousands of Tulsans, enabling it to provide reliable credit information to doctors using the Bureau. No charge is made for this service, and many doctors making use of it have been enabled to reduce losses through bad debts accordingly.

The Medical Credit Bureau not only offers an efficient collection service, but as a non-profit organization is able to offer services at fees lower than those charged by most professional collection agencies. All collections made by the Bureau are guaranteed by the Tulsa County Medical Society.

While recognizing that there are many ethical and well established collection agencies in Tulsa, the Tulsa County Medical Society urges its members to exercise care in referring delinquent accounts to collectors. The doctor should assure himself of the reliability of the collector, its personnel, financial backing, and general reputation. This will prevent loss from firms who are unable to make their expenses from the amount collected.

The Bureau uses direct methods of collection, tactful and diplomatic at all times, but with the basis of experience which it has is able to act in the interests of the client at all times. The doctor prescribes the collection methods, and settlements, leniency, and stringent measures of collection are decisions to be made by the client himself.

Those members of the Society who are not now using the Medical Credit Bureau may obtain listing sheets to refer delinquent accounts by telephoning the Bureau at 4-8161. These sheets ask the debtor's name and address, business ad-

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JUNE MEDICAL CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, June 1st:

Semi-annual premium, Physicians & Surgeons Group, Blue Cross Hospital Insurance due and payable on this date. Final date for payment is June 10, 1949. Pay at 1202 Medical Arts Building, Tulsa.

SATURDAY, June 4th:

Medical Broadcast, "New Progress In Orthopedic Surgery," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Phillip E. Getscher.

SUNDAY, June 5th:

American Medical Association's 1949 Annual Meeting opens in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

MONDAY, June 6th:

Hillcrest Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, June 7th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, June 8th:

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are reminded that the Post-graduate Study Course in Basic Sciences has been suspended for the summer months.

FRIDAY, June 10th:

Final date on which all Oklahoma Medical doctors must comply with terms of the Oklahoma Annual Registration Act by remitting \$3.00 to the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Examiners, 813 Braniff Building, Oklahoma City for reregistration of their license.

Final date to pay Blue Cross Hospital Insurance.

SATURDAY, June 11th:

Medical Broadcast "Modern Nutritional Problems," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Miss Esther Musil, Executive Secretary, Dairy Council of Tulsa.

MONDAY, June 13th:

Members of the Tulsa County Medical Society are reminded that the regular scientific meetings of the Society have been suspended until September 12, 1949.

TUESDAY, June 14th:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:30 A.M.

Postgraduate Lecture in Psychiatry, sponsored by the Oklahoma State Health Department, St. John's Hospital, Staff Room, 8:00 P.M. Speaker, Dr. Donald W. Hastings, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SATURDAY, June 18th:

Medical Broadcast, "The Problem of Rural Medicine," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 P.M. Speaker, Dr. John C. Perry.

Copy deadline for the July issue of The Bulletin.

MONDAY, June 20th:

St. John's Hospital Staff Meeting.

TUESDAY, June 21st:

St. John's Tumor Clinic, 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAY, June 25th:

Medical Broadcast, "Gall Bladder Disease," Radio Station KOME, 6:15 A.M. Speaker, Dr. H. Lee Farris.

MONDAY, June 27th:

No Medical Society meeting on this date.

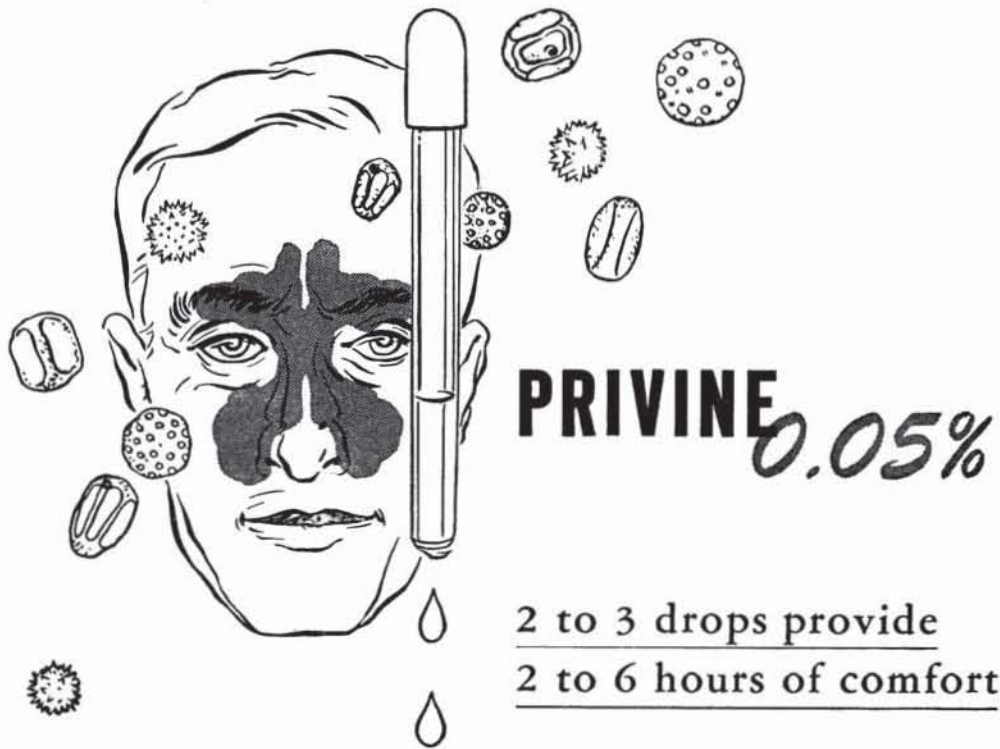
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MINNEAPOLIS PSYCHIATRIST TO SPEAK HERE JUNE 14

Dr. Donald W. Hastings, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Minneapolis, will be guest speaker at a special post-graduate program in Psychiatry to be held Tuesday, June 14, 1949, at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa. His subject will be "New Roads in Psychiatry."

Dr. Hastings' appearance here is one of five he will make during the week of June 13-19 at Oklahoma medical centers. The course is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Health Department and all medical doctors are invited to attend. There will be no registration fee. The program will begin at 8:00 P.M. with Dr. Tom R. Turner presiding.

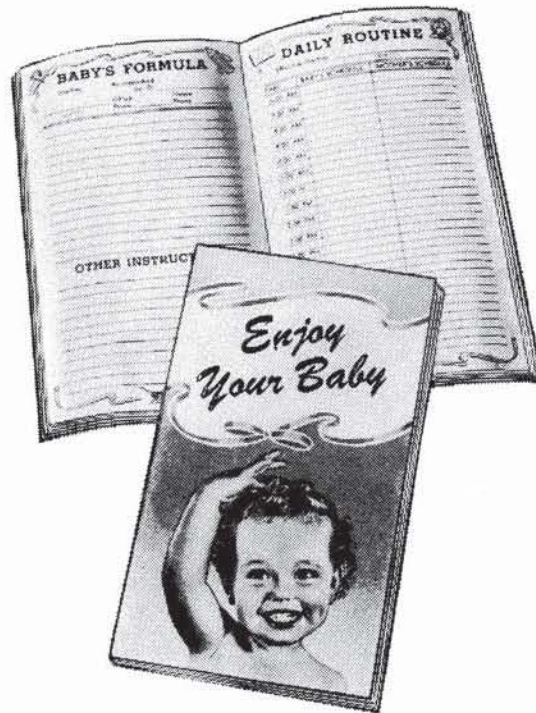
The speaker is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, 1934, and served his internship at Minneapolis General Hospital. He was later a member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, and during World War II served as a Lieutenant-Colonel with the Eighth Army Air Forces as Psychiatric Consultant. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

ROSTER ISSUE COMING

The July issue of The Bulletin will contain the annual membership roster of the Tulsa County Medical Society, listing members by name, address, telephone number, and specialty, if any. Members who contemplate a change in address or telephone number, or who have entered specialty practice in the last year, are requested to advise the Executive Offices no later than June 20, 1949.

Planning to attend the American Medical Association convention in Atlantic City, June 5-10, are DR. MAURICE J. SEARLE, DR. BERGET H. BLOCKSOM, DR. HUGH J. EVANS, DR. D. B. JONES, DR. JAMES STEVENSON, DR. JOHN E. McDONALD, DR. H. A. RUPRECHT, DR. MARCELLA R. STEEL, and DR. RALPH A. MCGILL.

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Expansion must be gradual and with respect for acceptable standards of education and teaching. Finally, there remains this present desire of our graduates in medicine to do specialties in the larger cities.

The point which we want to make is that state medicine will accomplish no relief of this situation except through the most drastic control of medical education and subjugation of the doctor himself. The people in our areas in need of doctors will be paying the same taxes for this medical attention as those in the large areas, and it is obvious they cannot be serviced unless doctors are available. To avoid a break-down of faith in the system of state medicine, the politicians who administrate it will be compelled to coerce physicians into such areas, and to control admissions to medical schools with the proviso that upon graduation a doctor must accept certain assignments in undermanned areas. And yet, the proponents of state medicine — notably Mr. Oscar Ewing — insist that freedom of the

medical profession will be maintained and the freedom of choice of doctor and patient will continue. This is an obvious fraud, and the plain truth is that the American Doctor is not going to have any status except that of a slave to the politicians who run the system.

Naturally, medicine cannot carry this fight to the public on the strength of its own future. The public is interested in getting good medical care, not in the personal welfare of the physician. We think that these arguments of the undermanned rural areas can be combated by an intelligent analysis of the situation by the doctor to the lay person. With an understanding of both sides of the question, the public will be equipped to vote intelligently upon this proposal.

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